Georgia State Board of Funeral Service Minutes

October 27, 2006 Conference Call

The Georgia State Board of Funeral Service held a conference call meeting on October 27, 2006. Draper Watson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and declared the meeting Open.

A quorum was established with the following Board members present: Draper Watson, David Roach, Terri Daviston, Thelon Hamby, Linda Ware, and Nancy Kennedy. Also present were Steve Lindsey, Executive Director, Reagan Dean, Assistant Attorney General, Agent Mark Grant of the Professional Licensing Boards Division's Enforcement Section, Jacqueline Turner, Chief of Enforcement, and Willie Hollingshed, Supervisor, Enforcement Section.

The purpose of the conference call meeting was to discuss a complaint and the results of the investigation into the complaint.

Mr. Daviston moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the complaint and the results of the investigation, as authorized by OCGA § 43-1-2 (k).

Mr. Hamby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried by Mr. Watson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Daviston, Mr. Hamby, Mrs. Kennedy, and Ms. Ware.

After hearing the results of the investigation and a thorough discussion of the issues, Mr. Watson declared the meeting Open.

Mr. Hamby moved that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively requires emergency action as authorized in OCGA § 50-13-18(c) (1), and moved to send case # FUN070022 to the Attorney General's Office to prepare Orders of Summary Suspension on the licenses of the respondent funeral establishment, the funeral director, and the embalmer involved in the case.

Mr. Daviston seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by Mr. Watson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Daviston, Mr. Hamby, Mrs. Kennedy, and Ms. Ware.

In another matter, Mr. Lindsey advised the Board that Tread Maines has responded by indicating his unwillingness to meet with the Cognizant member and Assistant Attorney General in an investigative interview to discuss complaints Mr. Maines filed with the Board.

Mr. Hamby moved to send Mr. Maines a letter acknowledging his unwillingness to meet for the investigative interview and to further advise that the Board will review the matter at its November 14 meeting.

Mrs. Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Mr. Watson, Mr. Roach, Mr. Daviston, Mr. Hamby, Mrs. Kennedy, and Ms. Ware.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes were approved on November 14, 2006